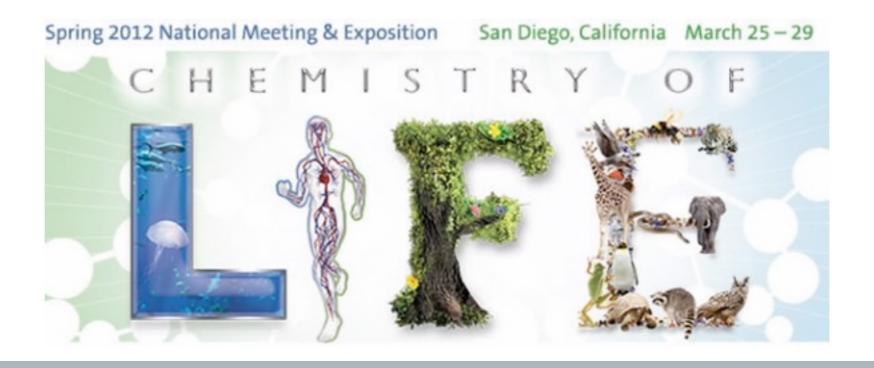




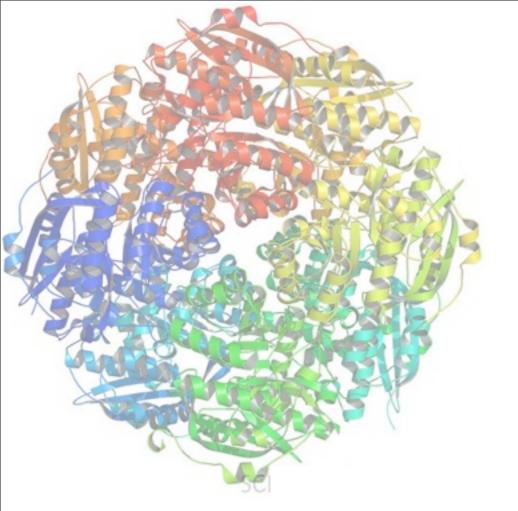
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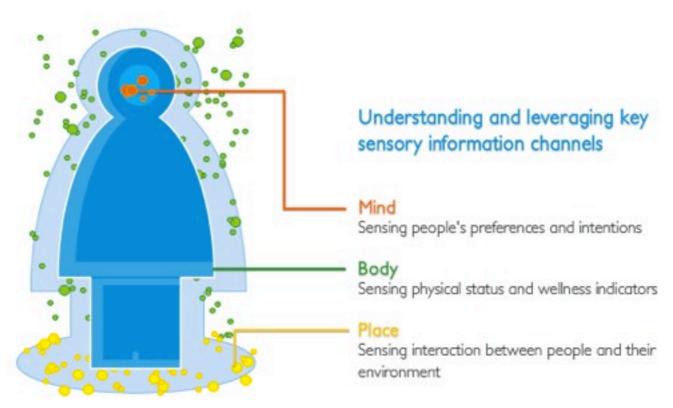




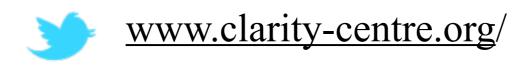
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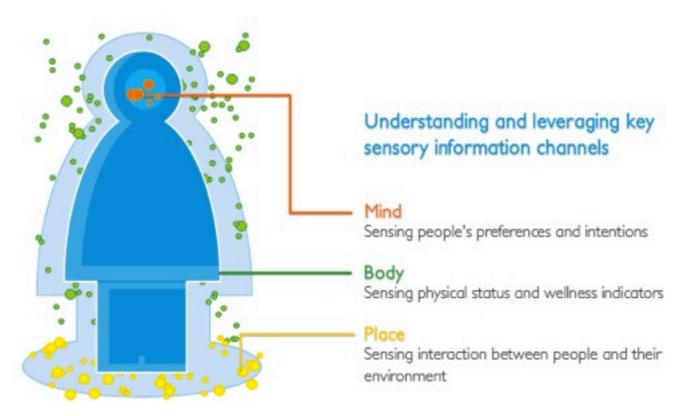




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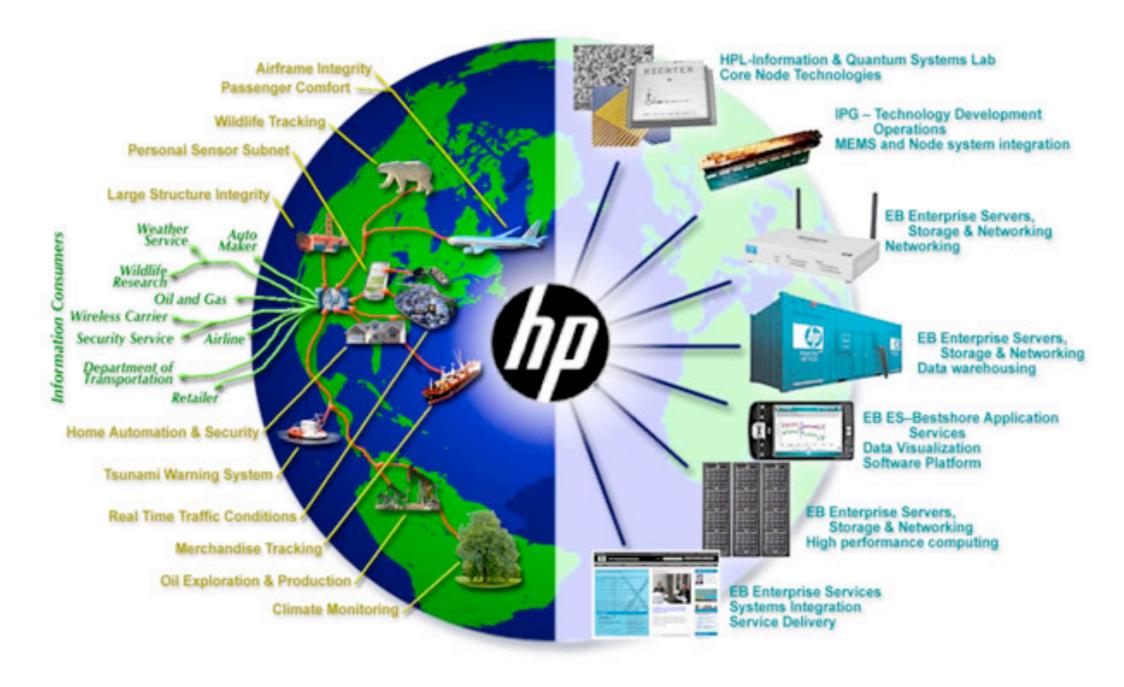
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HP's Peter Hartwell: "one trillion nanoscale sensors and actuators will need the equivalent of 1000 internets: the next huge demand for computing!"





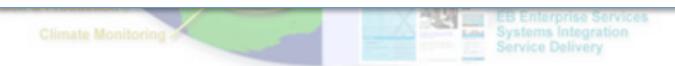






# Sensing Systems: \$ 70 B global market by 2013 (Frost & Sullivan)

Sensing Services: \$290 B Global market by 2013 (Harbour research)



















## In-house UV Sensor











## In-house UV Sensor





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#### The need for wearable sensors.



- Wearable sensors allow the continuous monitoring of a person's physiology in a natural setting.
- Health-monitoring systems using electronic textiles are mainly targeting applications based upon physiological parameter measurements, such as body movements or electrocardiography (ECG).
- However, due to their relative complexity, there is very little activity in the development of real-time wearable chemo/bio sensing for sports applications.







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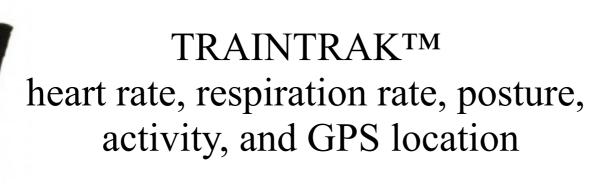


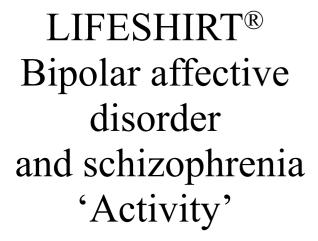




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NIKE-APPLE iPOD SPORTS KIT







## Scosche myTrek sends workout vitals to your iPhone, starts shipping now for \$130 (video)

By Zach Honig posted Aug 9th 2011 9:40PM

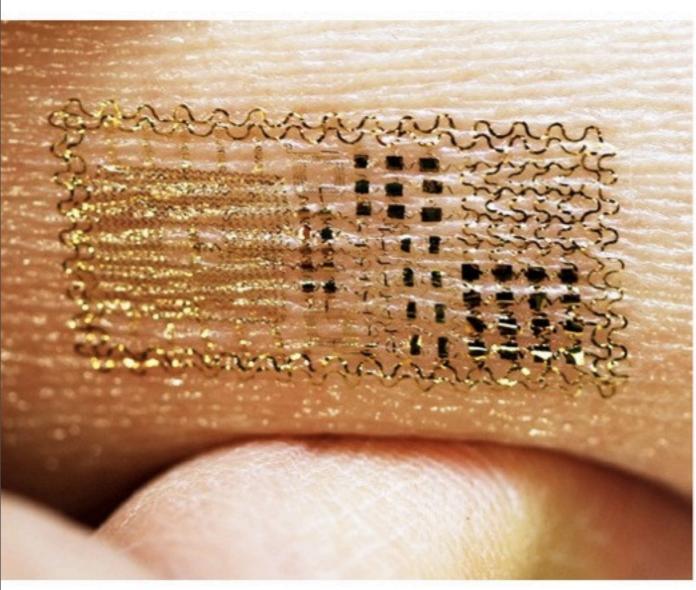


The myTREK utilizes two LEDs combined with a photo sensor to detect minute changes in the user's blood pressure to accurately measure pulse. A built-in accelerometer allows the myTREK to adjust for movement during exercise from the user's heartbeat allowing for an extremely accurate measurement of pulse and calories burned.









John Rogers @ University of Illinois 11/08/2011

Ultra-thin, self-adhesive electronics device that can effectively measure data about the human heart, brain waves and muscle activity--all without the use of bulky equipment, conductive fluids or glues.



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#### The 'electronic skin' patches that can tell when you're ill



American researchers say the tiny patches, with tattoo-like sensors that wirelessly diagnose and treat health problems, can act as a person's own internal doctor.

The "electronic skin" patches, about as a thick as a human hair, check a patient's "vital signs" and transmits the data to a computer or mobile phone.

Scientists behind the project also say they could be used by healthy people to detect the early signs of illness.

The first patches, aimed at athletes, are expected to be available for commercial sale later this year.

The information then gets sent to the person's doctor for further analysis, who can then act on any worrying conclusions.

They are made of a silicon membrane that stretches and moves with the body.

Sensors contained within the patches can measure heart rates and temperatures and monitor whether injured muscles are healing.

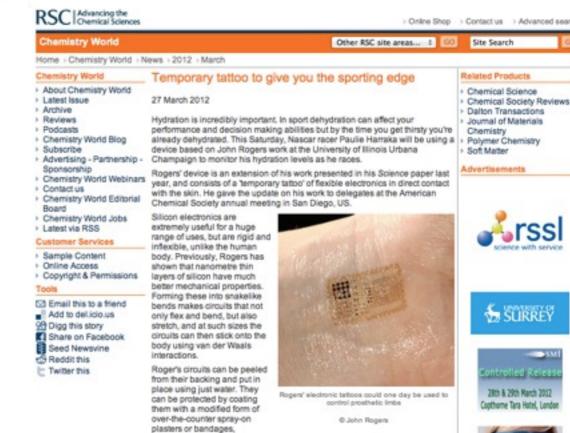


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#### Also in Health

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- Heart attack for 48 hours forward
- Redheads fe than people
- Killer bug: N halt spread of hospitals
- More homes



which keeps them safe from sweating, wear and tear and even being washed





#### Chemistry World shared a link.



#### tattoo to give you the sporting edge www.rsc.org

Hydration is incredibly important. In sport dehydration can affect your performance and decision making abilities but by the time you get thirsty you're already dehydrated. This Saturday, Nascar racer Paulie Harraka will be using a device based on John Rogers work at the University of Illinois Urban...

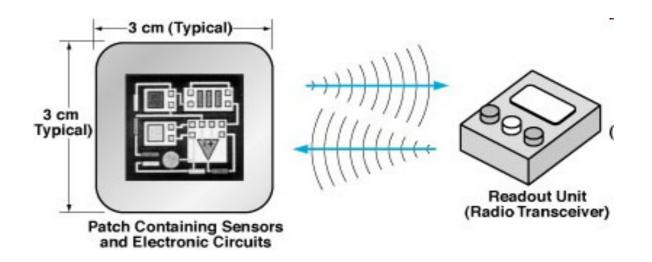
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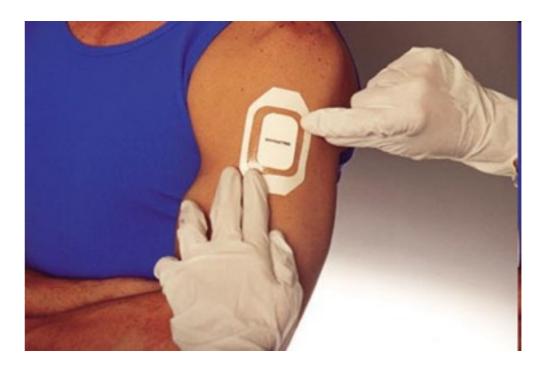




NASA: Wearable sensor patches



Abbot Freestyle Navigator



PharmChek Sweat Patch







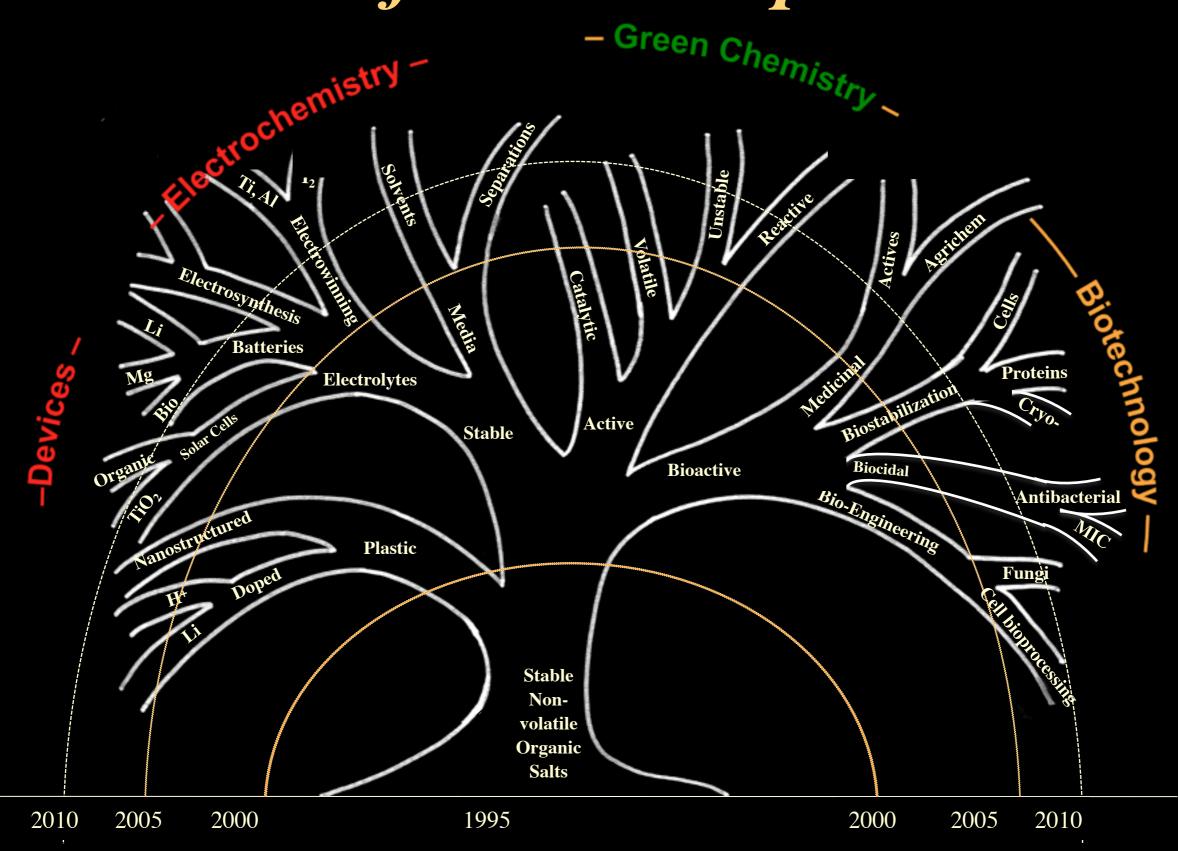


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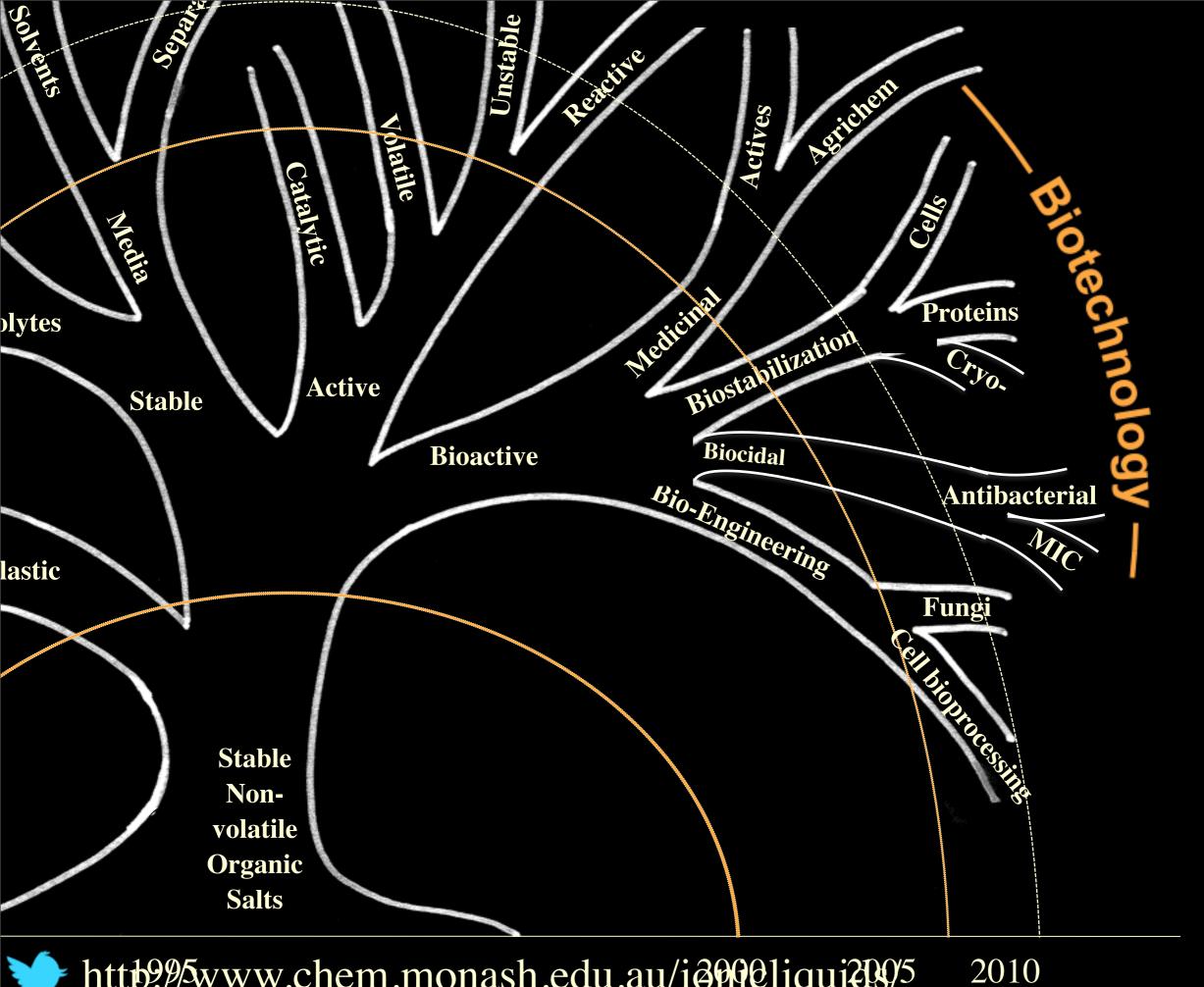
# Ideas Tree for Ionic liquids





http://www.chem.monash.edu.au/ionicliquids/









## Ionic Liquids: A brief introduction

• Ionic liquids (ILs) have evolved as a new type of non-aqueous solvents for biocatalysis, mainly due to their unique and tunable physical properties [1]

Factors that affect Enzyme activity in ILs

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Hydrogen bonding bascicity

Viscosity

Ion kosmotropicity

Enzyme dissolution



[1] H. Zhao, J. Chem. Tech. Biotech, 2010, 85, 891-907.

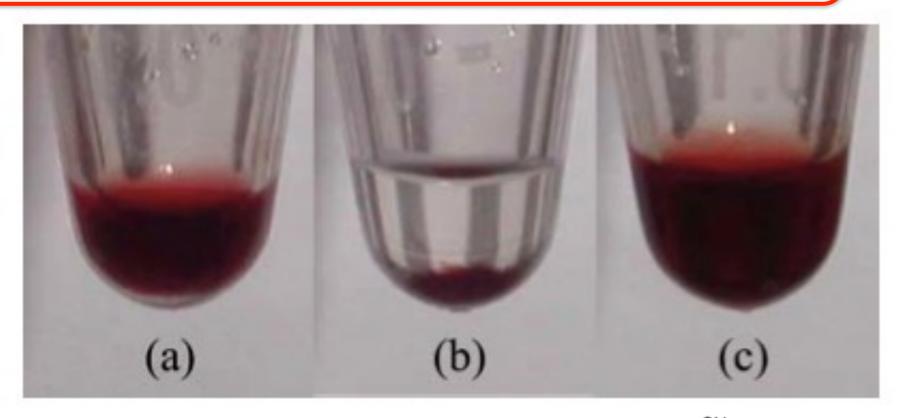




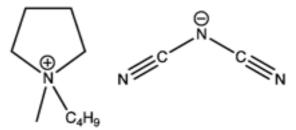


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• dhp anion provided both a proton activity similar to that in neutral water as well as hydrogen bonding donor and acceptor sites.

• Choline DHP showed enzyme stability up to 130 oC [2]



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## Sensing Platform: Ionic liquids

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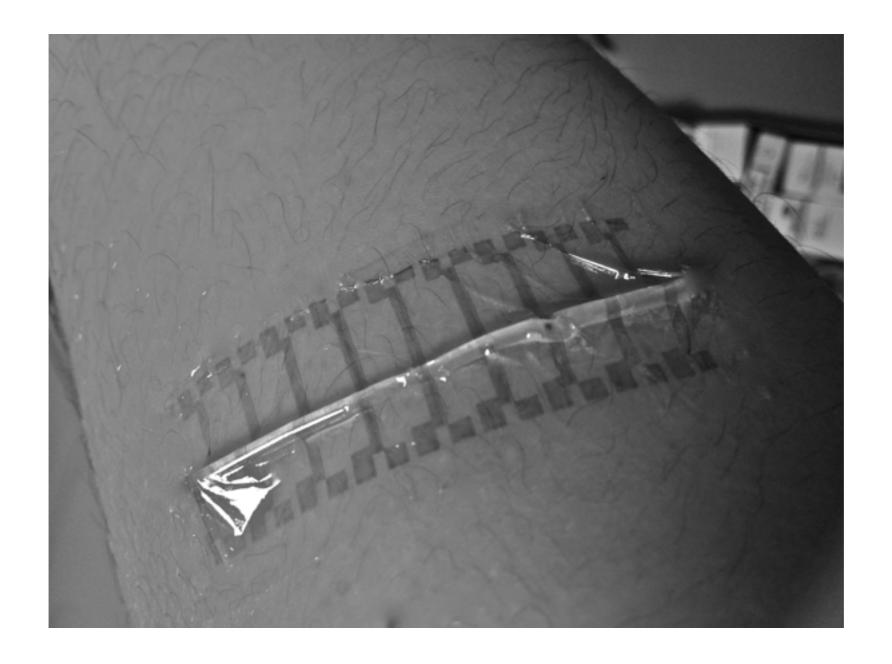
- Point-of-care (POC) glucose biosensors play an important role in the management of blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes.
- One of the most commonly used enzymes in glucose biosensors is Glucose Oxidase (GOx).
- Amperometric biosensors employing IL's have been reported previously, for example, ([C<sub>4</sub>mIm][BF<sub>4</sub>]) has been used as a mediator in a electrochemical H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> biosensor<sup>[3]</sup>.
- This interest is driven by the need to find molecular environments in which enzymes are highly stabilized while retaining redox activity.







#### Organic Electrochemical Transistors (OECTs)









- The field of organic electronics has grown significantly in the past 20 years largely due to the many desirable properties of organic semiconductors such as low cost, ease of processing and tunability through synthetic chemistry.
- A prototypical semiconductor used in OECTs is poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) doped with poly(styrenesulfonate) (PEDOT:PSS), a material that is commercially available and stable under a variety of conditions.
- PEDOT:PSS is a degenerately doped p-type semiconductor (commonly referred to as a conducting polymer), where holes on the PEDOT are compensated by acceptors (SO<sup>3-</sup>) on the PSS.
- OECTs have been utilized in a variety of biosensing applications such as the detection of metabolites, ions, neurotransmitters, cells, antibodies and DNA

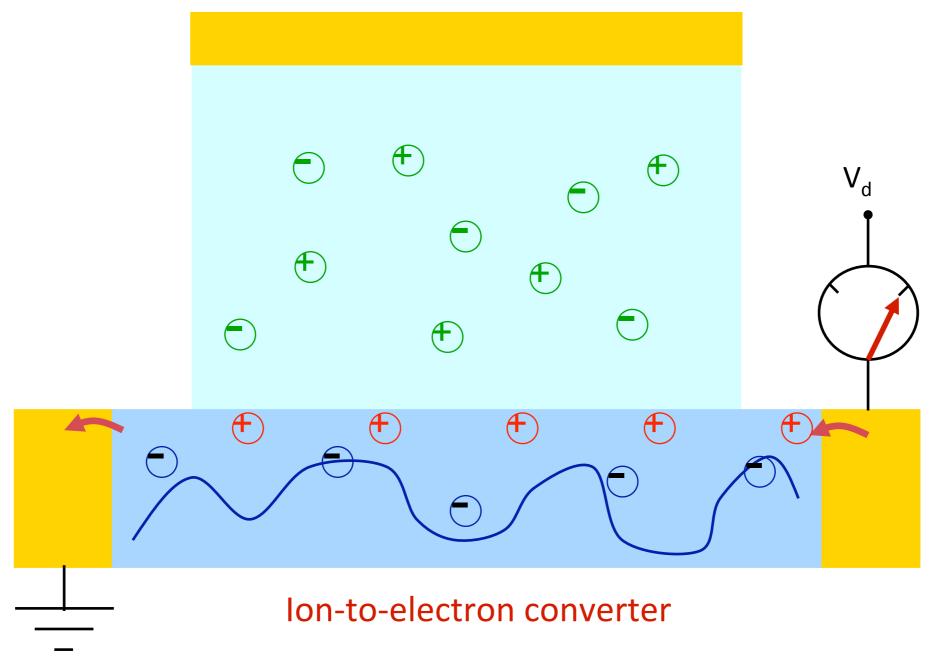








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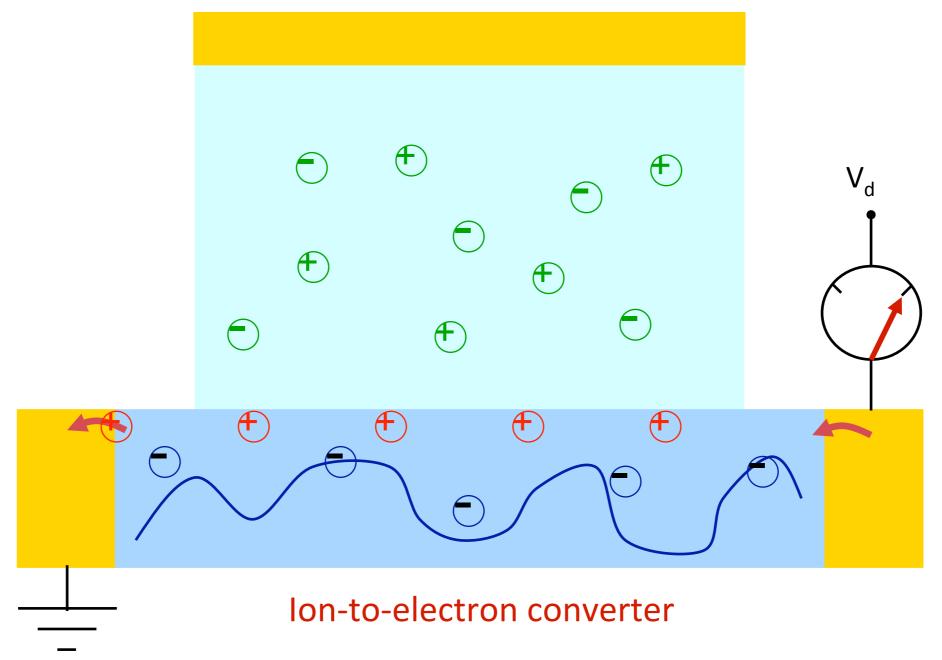








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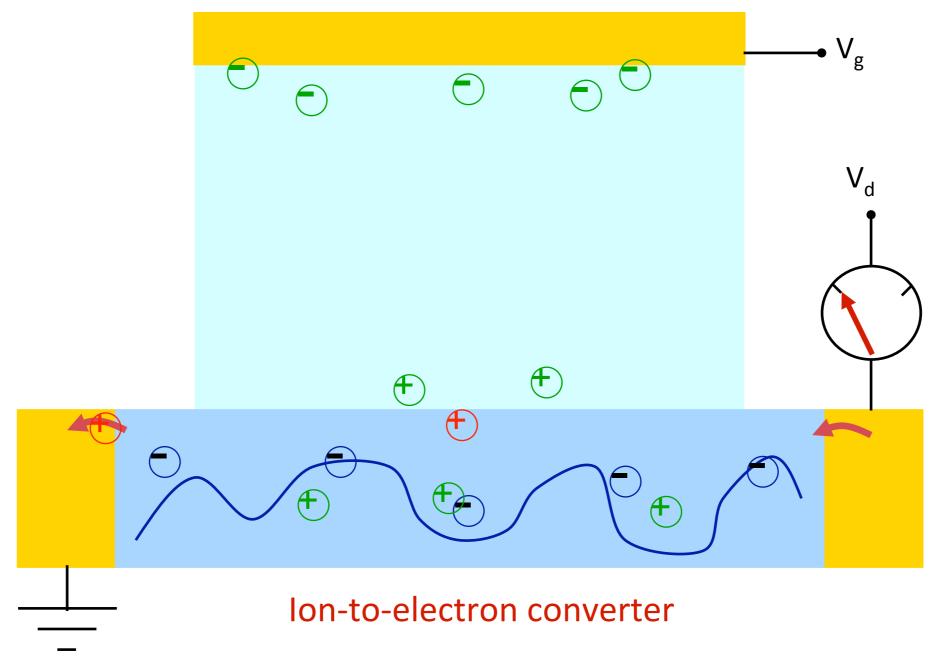








#### The organic electrochemical transistor [4]











• Response of the transistor is defined as the difference in modulation level of the drain channel during application of a gate voltage in the absence and presence of a target analyte

#### The Aim:

- To develop an enzymatic sensor based on an OECT that uses an IL as an integral part of its structure.
- The strategy involves patterning the RTIL over the active area of the OECT, and using it as a reservoir for the enzyme and the mediator.
- GOx enzyme for glucose detection.







• Important properties of the electrolyte for this device must include wetting the PEDOT : PSS film.

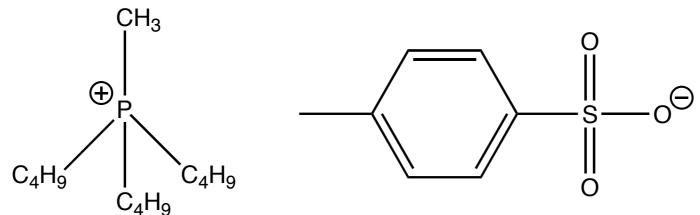








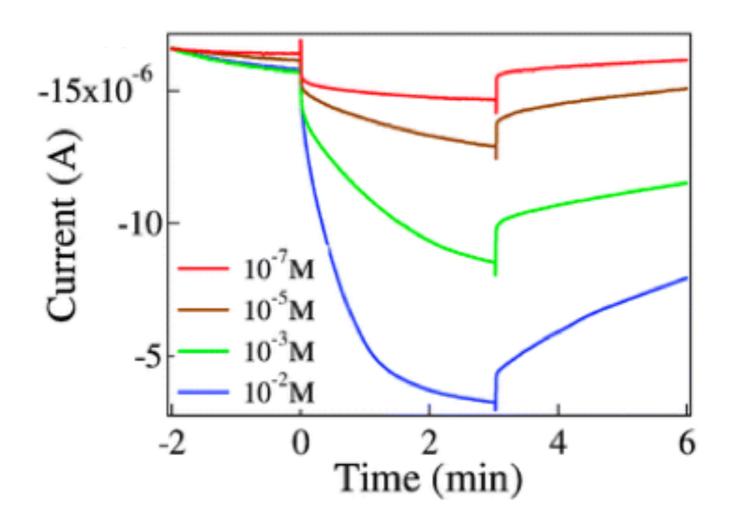
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- This allows the enzyme and the mediator to be patterned over the active area of the device.
- The IL should be miscible with the aqueous phase (PBS).
- Triisobutyl(methyl)phosphonium Tosylate ( $[P_{1,4,4,4}][Tos]$ ) due to the hydrophilic nature of the cation / anion.











• The transient response of the drain current of an OECT upon application of a gate voltage of 0.4 V and duration of 3 min. The drain voltage was -0.2 V.

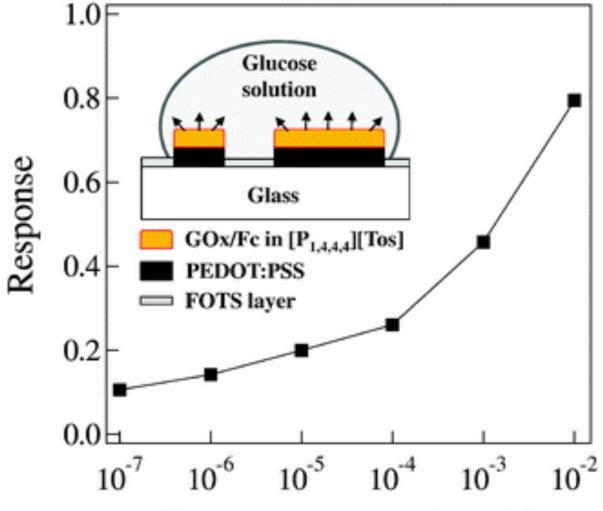








• Current modulation of the OECT as a function of glucose concentration.



Glucose concentration (M)

• Inset shows the concept of device operation, and the arrows indicate the dissolution of the RTIL carrying the enzyme and the mediator into the analyte solution.





• The data show the characteristic decrease of drain current upon gating which has been understood on the basis of the reactions shown below

(A) D-glucono-1,5-lactone 
$$GOx^{red}$$
  $Fe^+$  PEDOT+: PSS-+ e-Gate Electrode D-glucose  $GOx$   $Fe$  PEDOT+: PSS-

(B) PEDOT<sup>+</sup>: PSS<sup>-</sup> + M<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup> 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 PEDOT + M<sup>+</sup>: PSS<sup>-</sup> Electrode

Reactions at the gate electrode (a) and at the channel (b) of the OECT.





# Sensing Platform: Ionic liquids & OECTs



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- As glucose in the solution is oxidised, the enzyme (GOx) itself is reduced, and cycles back with the help of the Fc/ferricenium ion (Fc+) couple, which shuttles electrons to the gate electrode (A).
- For example, for 10<sup>-2</sup> M of glucose, this cascade of reactions causes a current of 8x10<sup>-8</sup> A to flow to the gate electrode.
- •At the same time, cations from the solution (M+) enter the PEDOT : PSS channel and dedope it. (B)



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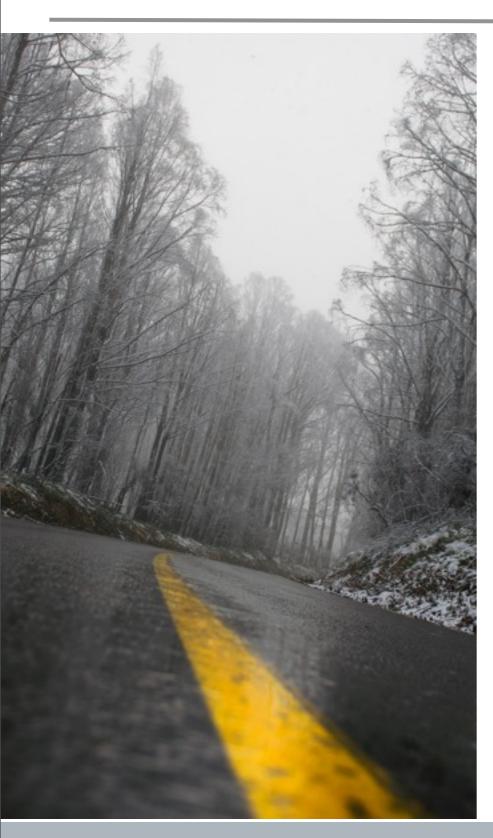
- Successful integration of an OECT with an IL as electrolyte.
- The ionic liquid was confined on the surface of the transistor using a photolithographically patterned hydrophobic monolayer.
- The enzyme was in a dispersed state in the ionic liquid, which may prove to be a good strategy for improving long-term storage.
- Using the glucose/glucose oxidase pair as a model, it was demonstrated the analyte detection in the 10<sup>-7</sup> to 10<sup>-2</sup> M concentration range.











• Currently for applications in materials science, there is a growing interest in 'ionogels'.

• Polymers with ionic liquids integrated such that they retain their specific properties within the polymer/gel environment.







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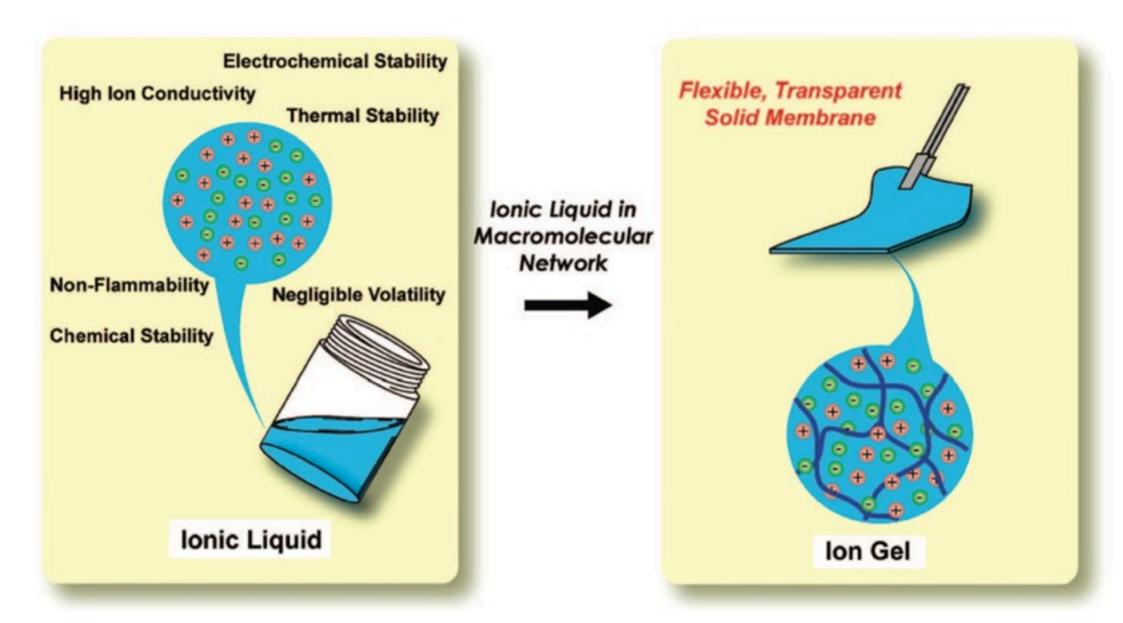
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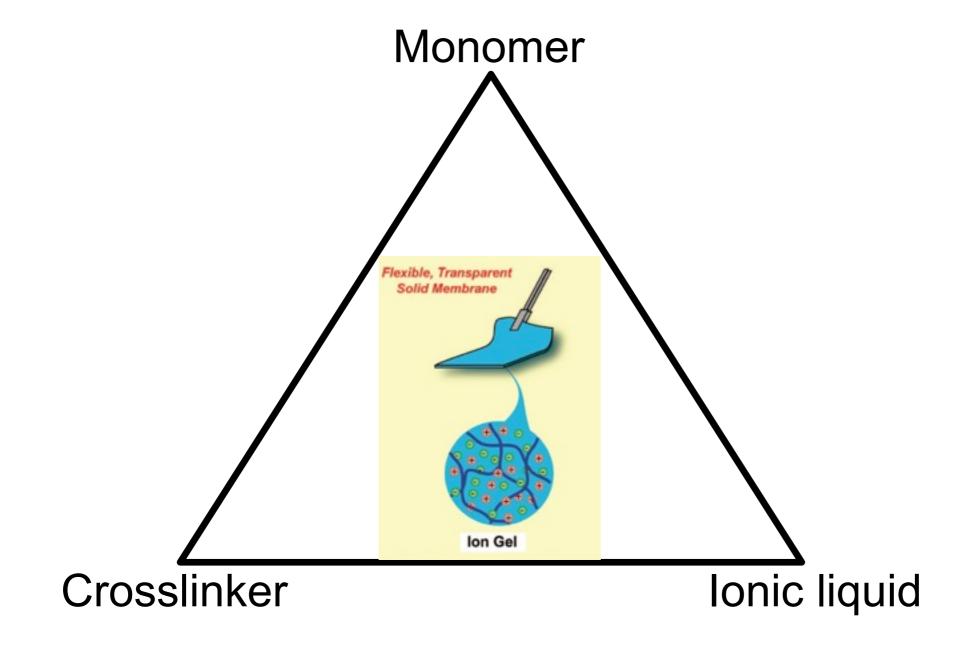
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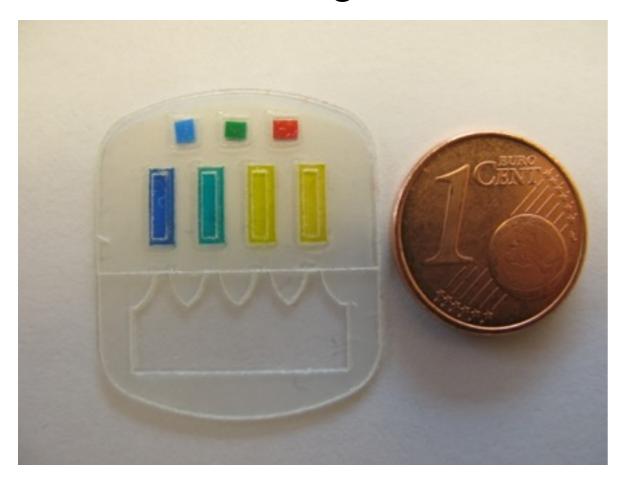








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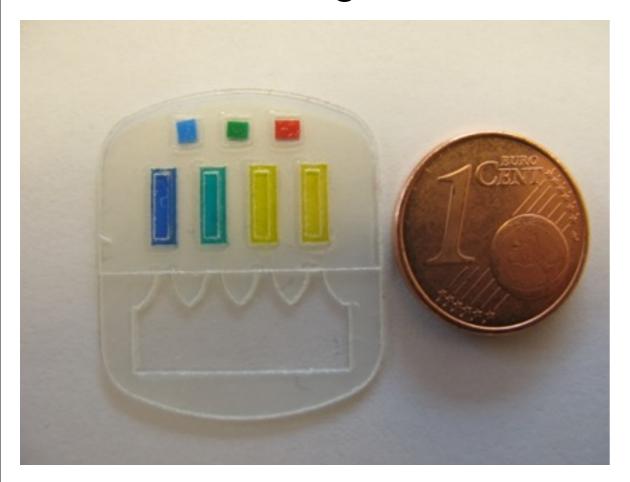
- Ionogel/dyes
- Image data analysis
- Absorbent = passive pump
- Electronics is not required







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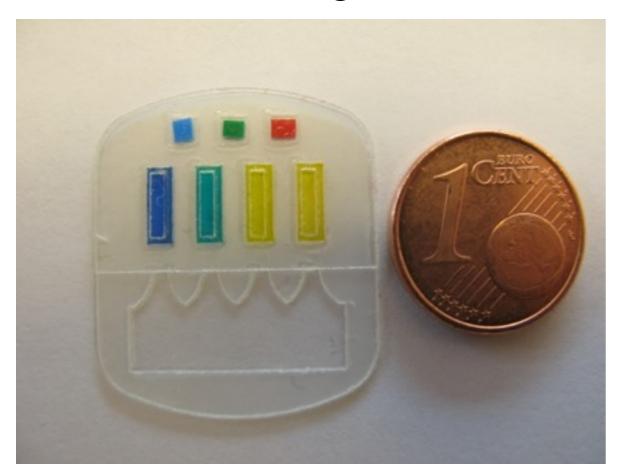
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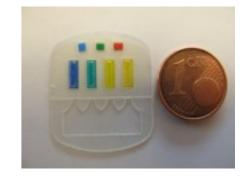


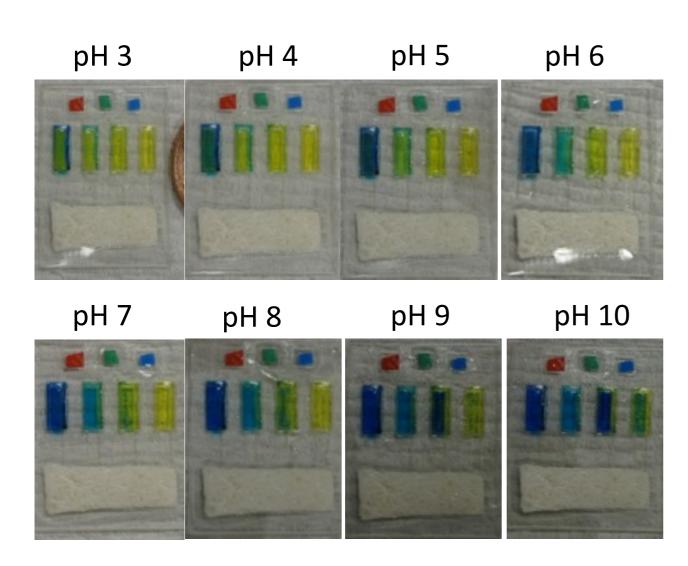


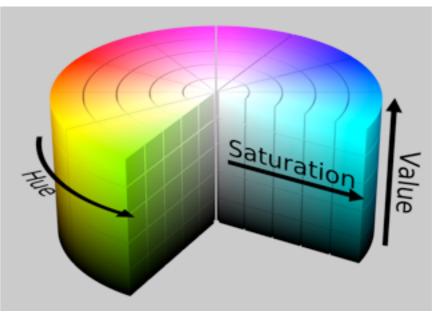




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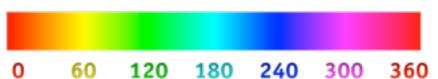






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"the degree to which a stimulus can be described"









- Detection of lactate (deprotonated form of lactic acid) in blood provides a biochemical indicator of anaerobic metabolism in patients with circulatory failure. [8]
- Lactate also found in sweat (concentration range between 9 23 mM) [9]
- Lactate concentration increases during physical exercise.

Current detection methods

Electro-chemiluminescent

Carbon nanotubes

Commercially available: SCOUT (sensilab) system

[8] M. H. Weil and A. A. Afifi, Circulation, 41, 989-1001 (1970).

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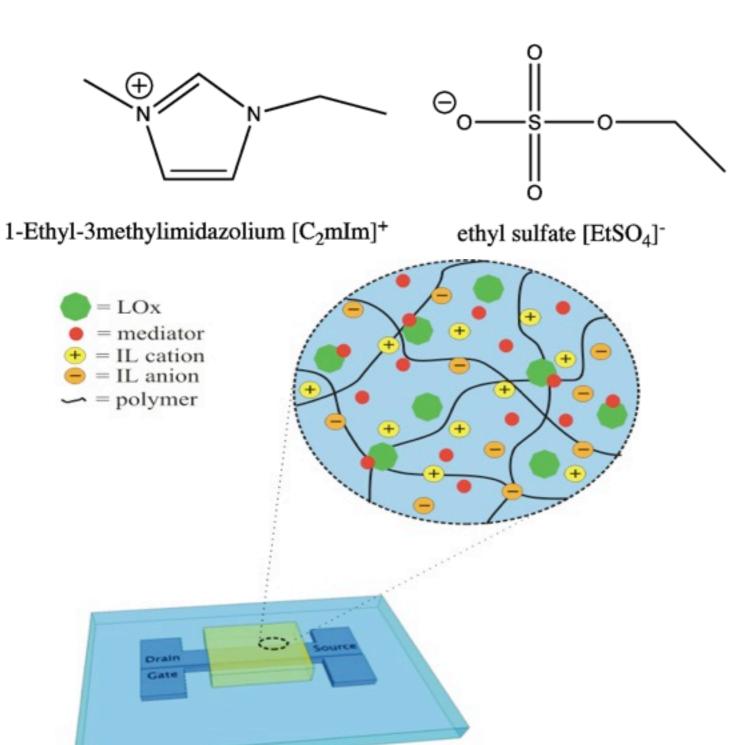
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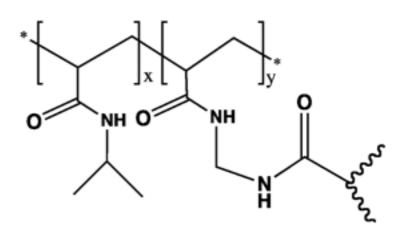
- Hydrophilic IL chosen due to miscibility with water.
- Avoid mixing problems with PBS & analyte solution.
- Mix the RTIL (17 % water) and PBS solution containing LOx enzyme ratio 4:1
- Hydrated II completely dissolved the protein with no precipitation observed
- 20 uL final solution drop cast over OECT
- UV polymerised for 1 min











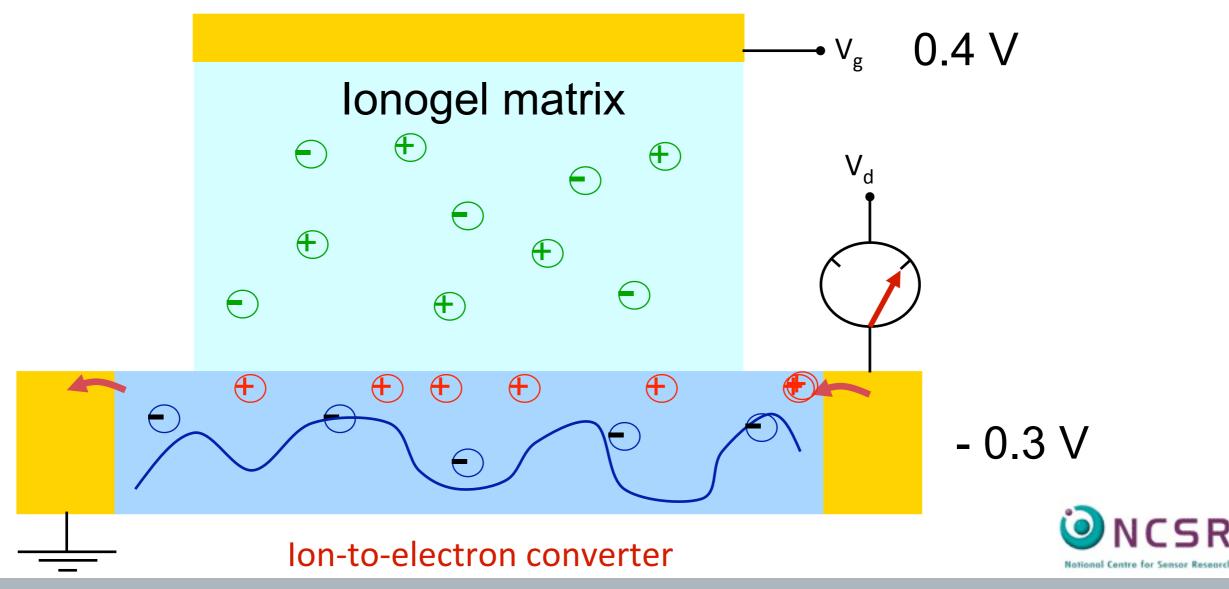
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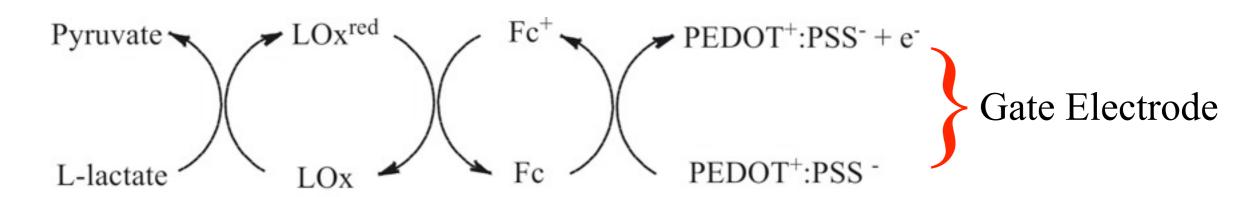
- Apply -0.3 V across the Channel
- Trigger the gate electrode at 0.4 V (3 min square wave pulses)
- Introduce 20 uL of PBS solution with desired lactate concentration







- Lactic acid is oxidised to pyruvate and cycles back by the Ferriconium ion which carries electrons to the gate electrode
- This leads to a decrease in the potential across the gate / ionogel interface and an increase of the potential at the channel / ionogel interface

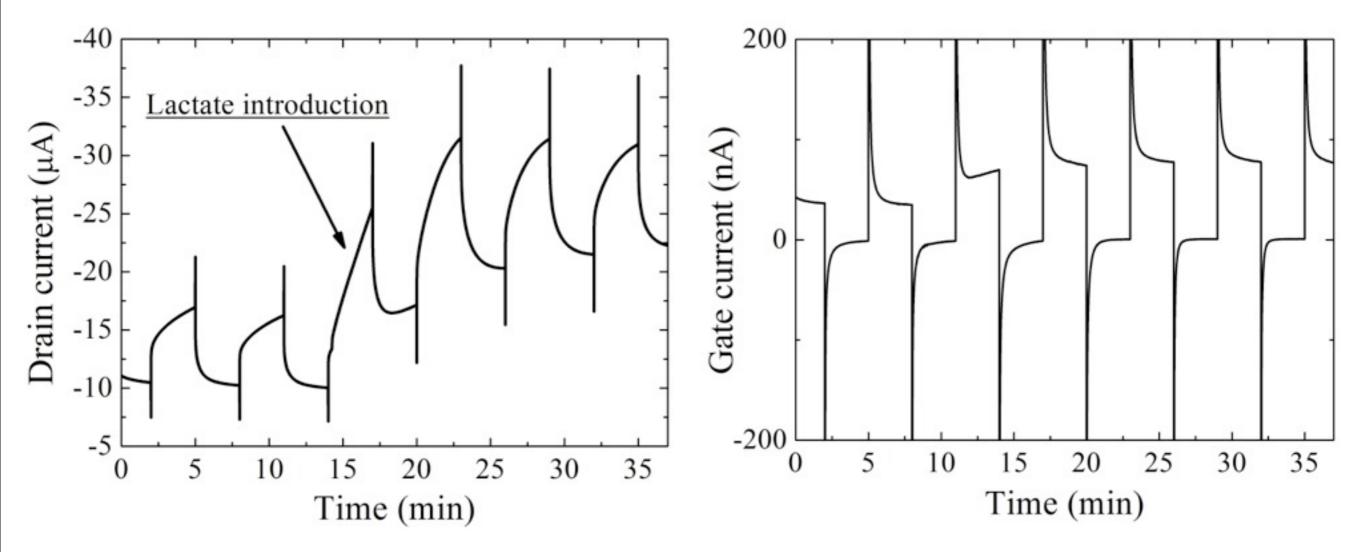


As a result more cations from the solution enter the dedoped channel and the modulation of the drain current in response to a voltage increases.





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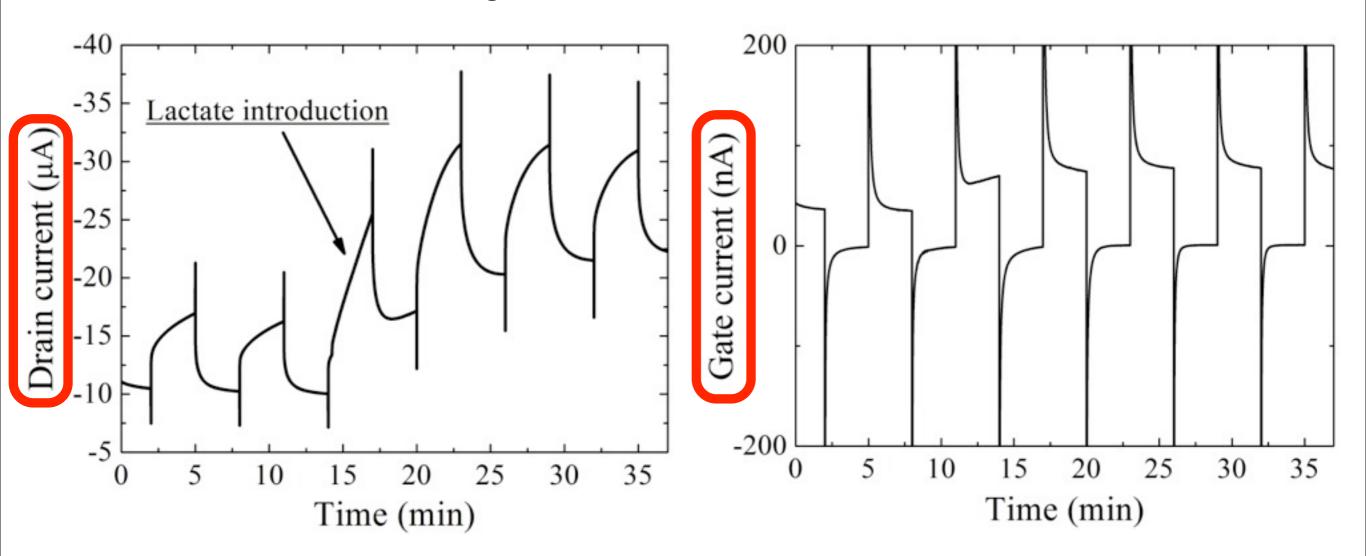
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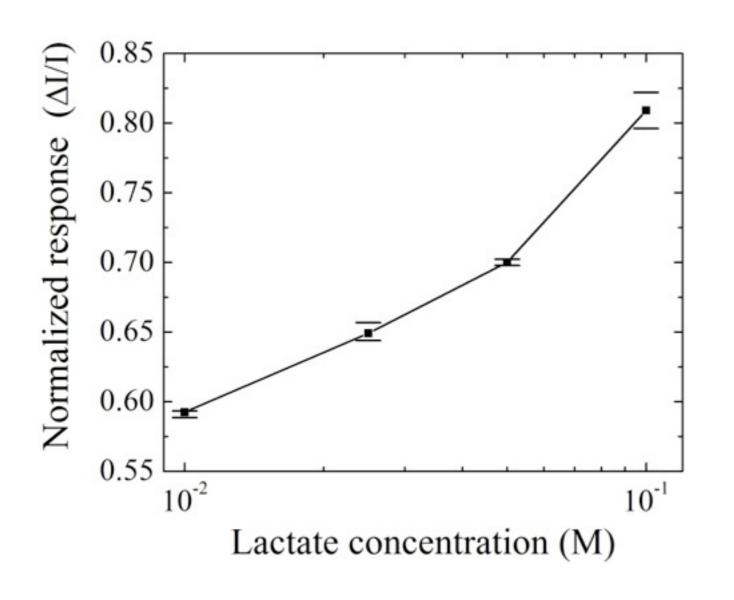


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- Response from 10 mM 100 mM
- In concentration range of sweat

• Compatible with detection of lactate in blood (1.3 - 24 mM)



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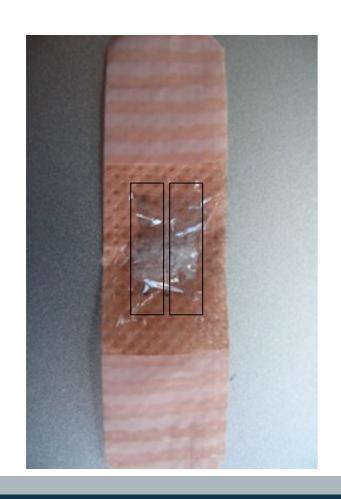


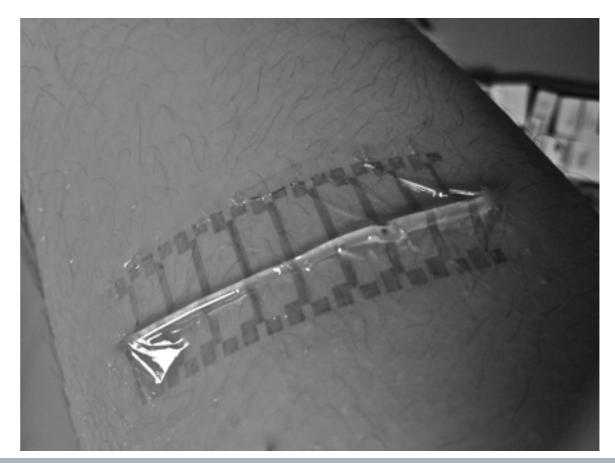


### Conclusions



- Detection of lactate in a relevant physiological range (10 100 mM)
- Novelty lies in the configuration of the sensor
- Solid State electrolyte on a flexible transistor based biosensor.
  - Implications for the wearability of the sensor







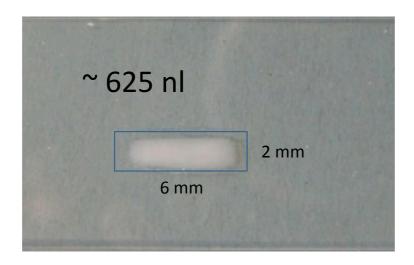


### So whats next?



- Enzyme stability and reliability of the system needs to be establish
- Incorporate printable formulations onto OECTs for biosensing

### **Printing Ionogel**



150 um thickness

- Biocompatible Ionogels: pH buffered gels for improved enzymatic shelf life.
- Incorporate OECT / Ionogel into a wireless communicated microfluidic device.





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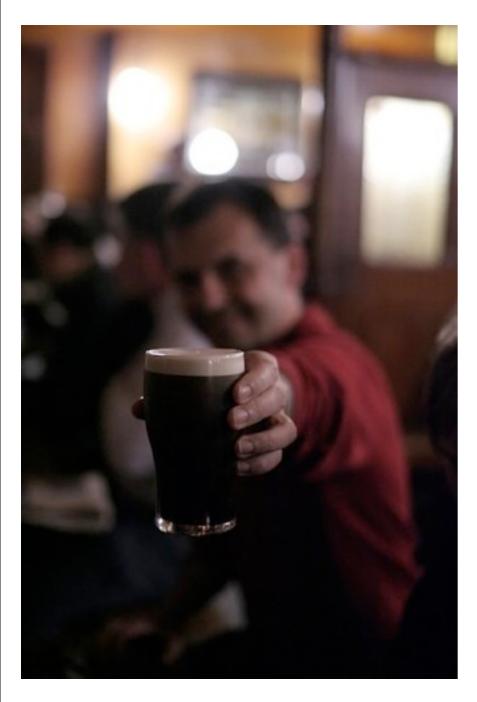
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